



## Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

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Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

We hope you all had a wonderful Veterans Day yesterday.

We have reached a critical point in our battle to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our state. Yesterday, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported 7,048 new cases of COVID-19 in the state. This is the third time in five days they have reported more than 7,000 new cases in a day. And, Wisconsin's seven-day average of COVID-19 cases is now a record-breaking 5,984 - one of the highest in the country.

These are frightening trends that affect everyone in our Homes. This terrible virus puts those in long-term care (due partly to their age and underlying conditions) at high risk for serious illness and even death.

Today, I am reporting that since our report on November 9, 2020, we've had one member test positive for COVID-19 and eight recover. We've also had one employee test positive and 12 recover. Sadly, I am reporting four members have died related to COVID-19. Nothing is harder than having to let a family know that their loved one has passed. We, too, grow close to those living here. I want to express my deepest appreciation for each of these members and send my condolences to their families.

Given the critically high rate of COVID-19 in the state, it is more important than ever that you protect yourself by staying home when possible, maintaining six feet of distance from others when you must go out, wearing a mask, and washing your hands regularly. Please, please continue to do your part. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant